

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: TRADE PROMOTIONAL POSSIBILITIES FOR ENERGY  
CONSERVATION ENERGY ALTERNATIVES  
  
REF: (A) STATE 133362, (B) KUWAIT 406, (C) JIDDA 4108, (D)  
MANAMA 1205, (E) TEHRAN 5220

1. LIKE OTHER POSTS IN THIS AREA (REFTELS), KUWAIT IS AN  
ENERGY SURPLUS COUNTRY IN WHICH THE PRICE OF ENERGY TO THE  
CONSUMER IS KEPT ARTIFICIALLY LOW. DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE  
ENERGY SOURCES IS BECOMING FASHIONABLE HERE, ESPECIALLY  
OF SOLAR ENERGY, AND THE KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH (KISR), A GOVERNMENT-FUNDED THINK TANK, DOES  
RESEARCH ON SOLAR ENERGY AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE POWER  
SOURCES. HOWEVER THIS IS RESEARCH AND NOTHING MORE. GIVEN  
THE LOW COST OF ENERGY, THERE IS NO MARKET HERE NOW OR IN THE  
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FORESEEABLE FUTURE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

2. BECAUSE OF THE ARTIFICIALLY LOW PRICE OF ELECTRICITY,  
LOCAL FIRMS HAVE NOT SHOWN ANY INTEREST IN PRODUCTS SUCH  
AS INSULATION WHICH WOULD CONSERVE ENERGY. THE MINISTRY  
OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER (MEW) IS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING  
ENERGY CONSERVATION, ESPECIALLY IN BUILDINGS, BECAUSE THE

DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY IS BEGINNING TO OUTSTRIP ITS POWER  
GENERATION CAPACITY. MEW WOULD WELCOME MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS OFFERING ENERGY CONSERVATION PRODUCTS.

3. THE INTEREST OF ONE MINISTRY DOES NOT JUSTIFY A FULL-FLEDGED TRADE MISSION, WHICH WE THEREFORE DECLINE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST ANY INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSMEN IN THE MISSION SHOULD THEY WISH TO BRIEF A FEW KEY MEW OFFICIALS ON THEIR ENERGY CONSERVATION PRODUCTS.  
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